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### **MATSUI SECURES FUNDING FOR INNOVATIVE, COMMUNITY-BASED CARE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

*Designed to improve access to care / services and help seniors maintain independent, healthy lifestyle*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Robert T. Matsui announced today the U.S. House of Representatives approved \$200,000 in funding for a demonstration program to serve local seniors. Incorporated by the Jewish Family Service of Sacramento (JFS), the program will be part of the national initiative for naturally occurring retirement communities (NORC). The funding for the JFS demonstration project was included in the Fiscal Year 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

With this funding, JFS will organize a range of health care and social services in local neighborhoods to fill gaps in existing coverage. Services offered through the JFS program will not duplicate existing services of Medicare, Medicaid or the Older Americans Act, rather they will target areas where services or project coordination do not adequately serve local seniors. Services JFS plans to offer include social work, health screenings, planned activities, communal meals and transportation to and from shops and community events. Drawing its support from public-private partnerships, the JFS program looks to empower a sense of independence in the community to prevent and solve its own problems.

**“This program empowers our seniors to maintain an independent, healthy lifestyle,”** said Representative Matsui. **“Identifying and targeting current gaps in health care or social services will give local retirees peace of mind, knowing that wherever they live, care is nearby.”**

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